

HURRICANE SWEEPS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST

Two Are Drowned In Floods at Napa and One At Vallejo

Bloody Butchery of Federals Without Any Show for Mercy

By Associated Press.
OJINAGA, Dec. 31.—Rebels are slowly but surely closing upon the entrenched, frightened federals. They are trapped on three sides and their only recourse is retreat into the United States, where some of the wounded already have been taken.
General Villa has refused to surrender, and ordered the execution of all volunteers when captured. Refugees probably will be allowed to cross the border, on the plea that their lives are endangered.
Federals already in the United States have reported the army demoralized. Their only hope for life depends on escaping to the United States. An El Paso Red Cross detachment is en route.

Formosa Rebels Were Executed

By Associated Press.
TOKIO, Dec. 31.—Thirteen Formosan conspirators were executed publicly and 123 others condemned to long imprisonment at Taihoku, Formosa. They plotted to overthrow Japanese rule in Formosa, raise an army of 100,000, massacre the Japanese garrison and give the island to China.

RIVERS AND TRIBUTARIES SWOLLEN BY RAINS IN SACRAMENTO VALLEY

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—California north of the Tehachapi has been swept by a furious rain and wind storm, the worst of the season. Towns at virtually all river points are suffering from a demoralized telegraph and telephone service.
Trains and street cars are halted, houses have been swept away and great damage sustained by property. Many persons were drowned.
One hundred inches of snow in the Sierras, in addition to heavy rains, swelling the rivers, is causing floods.
In the vicinity of Redding trees were uprooted.
Twenty-two landslides occurred in Sacramento canyon. Two filled cuts on the Southern Pacific, blocking all trains. There was a total precipitation of six inches. Redding, Red Bluff and Anderson are without power or lights.
Napa is isolated, without trains or wires. The rains are continuing and the seriousness of the situation is increasing.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Passing vessels have entered for the repair of damages suffered from the storm. Two harbor pilots, owing to rough seas, were unable to return after taking liners through the Golden Gate sailing for the Orient.
Sacramento valley is storm swept. The Sacramento river and all tributaries are rising dangerously. Rain has continued incessantly.
In Napa the main streets were flooded and two persons drowned. One was drowned in Vallejo, where the flood upset a launch.

TEN YEARS SINCE IROQUOIS FIRE COST THE LIVES OF SIX HUNDRED

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Ten years ago Chicago was the scene of a fire catastrophe that shocked the whole civilized world—the burning of the new Iroquois theater, in which 552 persons, mostly women and children, lost their lives.
Today a large proportion of the city's population paused in the pursuit of their usual occupations to pay tribute to the memory of the dead. Hundreds of persons joined in the program of memorial services held at the Iroquois Memorial Emergency hospital. Similar services were held in a number of churches. In the downtown district the flags on many buildings were at half mast. Silent pilgrimages were made to the various cemeteries, where wreaths were laid on the graves of the victims of the disaster.
The burning of the Iroquois theater was the most appalling disaster of its kind in the history of America, and will long be remembered by hundreds of families who lost one or more of their members in the catastrophe.
The fire originated on the stage of the theater during the matinee performance of December 30, 1903, at a time when every part of the house was crowded with the usual holiday audience of women and children. The theater was practically new, having been opened only a few weeks previous to the fire. It was a playhouse of the first class and was of so-called fireproof construction. As a matter of fact, the house itself suffered comparatively little damage from the fire. The official investigation showed that the great loss of life was the result of panic among the spectators.
The attraction at the theater on the fatal day was the Christmas spectacle of "Bluebird," which had been running at the Iroquois since the opening of the theater. It was the general belief that sparks from one of the spotlights stationed in the wings of the stage ignited some of the flimsy pieces of scenery and in a few moments the blaze spread upwards toward the flies.
Some of the actors and employees tried to beat out the flames, but did not succeed, and the signal was given to lower the fireproof curtain. Owing to the fact that a rope, with which the aerial ballet was manipulated, had been so fastened that it obstructed the movements of the curtain, the latter could not be lowered for some time.
When the curtain was finally released the fire had made such progress on the stage that the employees became panic-stricken and opened the large double door in the rear of the stage. This resulted in a terrific draft that caused the asbestos curtain to bulge out into the auditorium. In a few minutes the curtain tore and fell and an immense volume of smoke

DEATH FOLLOWS ACCIDENT ON T. & G. AND YOUNG MAN JUST FROM IRELAND SUCCUMBS SHORTLY AFTER INJURY

Herbert Meek, the youngest employee of the T. & G. railroad, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30, at the Mine Operators' hospital, from the effects of injuries received while he was working with a freight crew on the main line through freight train operating between Goldfield and Mina. The body was removed to Goldfield this morning and delivered to the family by William Zimmerman of No. 24.
No inquest was deemed necessary, although there was talk of conducting autopsy for the purpose of providing indubitable testimony for the state industrial commission, which carries all risks of this railroad. With this object in view Dr. Turner came over from Goldfield last night and held a conference with Dr. Griggs, after which it was announced that no inquest would be necessary, as no room for doubt as to the cause of death existed in the minds of any of the parties concerned.
Herbert Meek arrived from Ireland only three months ago and soon found a place in the service of the railroad through the influence of his brother, Fred Meek, conductor of the passenger train. He was employed as a student preliminary to qualifying for brakeman, and had just passed the examination and taken his place as a candidate for the next vacancy.
On this trip he was sent out by the trainmaster, and it is not thought there will be any reason for disputing the claim of his parents against the state. The boy was born in Belfast, Ireland, and was a linenworker by trade. Last Monday he was cutting off the air in switching freight cars when, on taking up the slack, the cars ran back and caught him between the bumpers. He was huried to Tonopah for surgical attention but he never rallied from his internal injuries, although he was conscious up to ten minutes of his death.
Fred Meek, the only brother in this country, took out his regular train yesterday morning, as he did not expect any serious termination of the accident, but towards noon the gravity of the injury became so apparent that W. D. Foster, general superintendent of the railroad, from Goldfield, ordered Jack Peek, agent at Tonopah, to send out an engine with a caboose to overtake the passenger train at Blair Junction and bring Fred Meek back to the bedside of his brother. At the same time Mr. Foster notified Mrs. Fred Meek at Goldfield and ordered an automobile to bring her to Tonopah. Both husband and wife met at the deathbed, and desire to extend their thanks to Mr. Foster for his thoughtfulness.
Deceased leaves a father, mother and two sisters at Warren Point, Ireland. The body was taken in charge by Wonnacott & Cavanagh and prepared for interment at Goldfield this afternoon.

Chile Launches a Big Submarine

By Associated Press.
SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—The Chilean submarine destroyer Antofagasta, built here, was launched in the presence of a distinguished naval gathering, including the Chilean officers and crew who will navigate the vessel home. The ceremonial of the Roman Catholic church was performed by request of the Chilean government.
The Antofagasta is a 1,000-ton submarine destroyer, built at the Puget Sound Navy Yard. She is the first of a class of submarines built for Chile. She will be used for patrol duty in the Pacific Ocean. She is expected to be ready for service in the spring of 1914.

MINOR ASSAY OFFICES DESERVING OF BETTER SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT

It has been urged as an objection to the minor assay offices that they are not self-sustaining, but as a matter of fact there is no reason why they should be. The mint service, like many other departments of the government, is not established primarily as a profit-making business, but for the accommodation of the public, and the net cost to the government for the maintenance of the six offices now in existence is less than \$100,000 per annum. These so-called "minor offices" are located at Boise, Carson, Deadwood, Helena, Salt Lake City and Seattle. The office at St. Louis was discontinued June 30, 1911, and that at Charlotte, June 30, 1912.
The excess of operating expenses over fees collected during the fiscal year 1912 at the New York assay office was \$117,998.96, while at the seven other offices—Boise, Carson, Deadwood, Helena, Salt Lake, Seattle and Charlotte—at all these combined the excess was only \$90,228.51, a difference against the New York office of \$26,870.45.
The Philadelphia mint, the most splendidly equipped institution of its kind in the world, is only two hours from New York, and any one having business with the latter city could, with almost equal facility, transact that business with Philadelphia. Yet for the sake of the trifling convenience it is to the New York banks to have an assay office there, we are called upon to expend more than is required to maintain seven assay offices, the two nearest of which are not less than 400 miles apart, and which are scattered among the gold producing states, just where they are needed, and which accommodate thousands of people. It should be remembered, also, that the poor man is the one who is benefited by these small offices; they make it possible for him to continue the business of prospect-

NEW MOVING PICTURE SHOW LEASES OLD STOCK EXCHANGE PREMISES WHICH WILL BE REMODELED SOON

Beginning tomorrow, important changes will occur in the Tonopah business district that will tend to restore the prestige of the block between Oddie and Brougher avenue as the retail center.
In the first place, the old Stock Exchange building, recently occupied by the Richelle saloon and restaurant, will be remodeled into a moving picture show by the Warren brothers of Wabuska, with Walter Warren in charge as manager. The time for the opening has not been definitely set, but it is believed that the seats and appointments, ordered from San Francisco, can be installed within a period of three weeks. The management proposes to reconstruct the interior by raising the floor to give a pitch to the seats in the back of the hall and to erect a stage and hang a screen. One of the best features of the new company is promised in the elimination of advertising between acts.
D. Shemanski, who has occupied the corner store opposite the Mirpah hotel for his jewelry business, will move west to the middle of the block, to the premises formerly occupied by the Hub saloon. The old stand will be taken by the Amigo brothers for a cigar stand at an advance in rent. Mrs. Matthews, the Goldfield caterer and candymaker, has leased the west side of the Palace hotel ground floor lately occupied by a saloon, and will bring over her complete establishment from the southern camp. The Eagle restaurant has moved from the junction of Main and Florence avenues to the same block as Shemanski.

PATENT FOR 76 GROUP CLAIMS ARRIVES HERE

Judge Mark R. Averill this morning received letters patent for the ground held by the Tonopah 76 Consolidated Mining company, in the western end of camp, thus giving the company clear title to the Pactolus Seventy-Six fraction, Wander, Sunrise, Keystone, Red Rock Extension and Sago fraction claims.
The papers contain a proviso for a right of way for the Las Vegas & Tonopah railroad at any time that company may seek an entrance to camp. The officers of the company are: President, Mark R. Averill; vice president, Thomas J. Lynch; secretary and treasurer, Eugene Howell. The directory includes the officers and Walter Harris and H. C. Reid.

MAIL CARRIERS LOSING PROFITS ON SERVICE

DEPRIVED OF EXPRESS BUSINESS BY THE GROWTH OF THE PARCELS POST.
"Red" Harding of the Consolidated Auto company is one man in Tonopah who cannot share the pleasure of handling parcels post matter. He stands to lose several thousand dollars next year by the arrangement, as it takes away his express business and adds a mass of bulky matter that has to be handled for next to nothing. This refers to the mail contract, which is carried by auto between Tonopah, Manhattan and Round Mountain.
Last year Harding's company received from Wells Fargo \$288.80 for delivering express packages between December 19 and 27, including the bulk of the holiday trade. This year the government pays him the liberal sum of \$51 extra monthly for handling parcels post, and the express business this year was wholly withdrawn. To accommodate the government the mail contractor has to place extra machines in commission at an actual loss of approximately \$200 a month.

SCHOOL BOARD OBJECTS TO THE RECENT AWARD

MOTION TO VACATE FINDINGS OF BOARD OF ARBITRATORS IN FAVOR OF CONTRACTORS.
A motion to vacate the award of the board of arbitrators appointed by the district court to settle differences between the school trustees and the high school contractors was argued this morning before Judge Averill.
The motion to vacate is on the ground that the arbitrators violated the law and their duty as arbitrators in refusing to consider legal evidence, and arbitrarily, without any lawful reason, rejecting the claim of the school board, amounting in all to about \$2000, against the contractors for delay in completing the building.

FATHER MANNIX WILL CELEBRATE MASS THURSDAY

At the Catholic church there will be two masses tomorrow morning. Father Flynn will officiate at 6 a. m. and Father Mannix will celebrate mass at 8 o'clock. On Sunday Father Mannix will speak at the 10 o'clock mass, which will be celebrated by the regular pastor. Arrangements will be made to accommodate strangers who may wish to hear the eloquent Denver pulpit orator.

AMBASSADOR LIND COMES TO CONFER WITH WILSON

(By Associated Press.)
PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Dec. 31.—John Lind, aboard the Chester, from Vera Cruz, is expected to arrive tonight to confer with President Wilson on Mexican problems. No diplomatic moves are contemplated. Wilson intimates.

NEW MANAGEMENT AT THE MINERS' EXCHANGE HALL

When the clock sounds twelve tonight the management of Miners' Exchange hall and saloon will pass into the hands of Joe Monahan and Jack Murphy, who have leased the entire building. Mr. Monahan is too well known in Tonopah to need any extensive recommendation and his partner has been one of the most active members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. At the convention two years ago he was elected delegate from the Goldfield area. Mr. Murphy, half originally from Cripple Creek, and since coming to Nevada has always been a popular and efficient saloon man. In Goldfield he was identified with the Hermitage, the Bank, the Northern, the Palace and the Goldfield hotel bars.

WESTERN UNION'S NEW MANAGEMENT

SHIFTING OF EMPLOYEES OWING TO THE EFFECT OF THIS ALTITUDE.
H. T. Gibson, manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, will leave Tonopah on Friday morning for his former station in Portaluma, with the same company. Mr. Gibson has been here since April and in that time found the altitude was too much for his wife's health. For this reason only he requested a transfer and was restored to his former billet. He will be succeeded by Joe Savant, formerly of Goldfield, but who comes to Tonopah from the Vallejo office. The new manager has a sister living here.
Mr. Gibson's resignation was accepted with regret by the company, as he has given eminent satisfaction in handling the enormous business of the brokers and operators.

FEDERAL INTERVENTION ASKED BY MINERS

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 31.—The Western Federation of Miners telegraphed President Wilson today, asking for federal intervention under the Erdman act, as a means of settling the strike. Mitchell, Darrow and other labor leaders expect to confer with the governor this afternoon.

MARCHING TO ALBANY TO DEMAND BALLOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—"General" Rosalie Jones, commanding the "suffrage army," will begin her march tomorrow to Albany to ask the legislature for the ballot.

THREE SECRETARIES KEPT BUSY IN WHITE HOUSE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Three secretaries are engaged in keeping President Wilson's official business cleared and attending to correspondence, forwarding only the most urgent matters to Pass Christian, Miss.

TELEGRAPHERS WIN.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—An agreement has been signed averting a telegraphers' strike on the Frisco system.